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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

*New Delhi, the 3rd February, 1955*

SUBJECT:—*Import of Caustic Soda [S. No. 22(a) of Part V] during the licensing period January-June 1955*

**No. 3-ITC(P.N.)/55.**—Attention of importers is invited to the entry in the remarks column against S. No. 22(a) of Part V of the I.T.C. Schedule appearing in Section II of the 'Red Book' for the period January-June 1955, reproduced in this Ministry's Public Notice No. 104-ITC(P.N.)/54 dated 29-12-1954, wherein it has been stated that imports will be canalised on a basis to be announced later.

2. On a review of the price and supply situation for Caustic Soda, internal and external, and having regard to the representations received in this connection, Government have decided to fix a small quota for established importers and to continue the issue of licences to actual users on the basis of three months' requirements.

3. In addition, a quantity has been reserved for being licensed on an *ad hoc* basis. Applications for the allotment of this quantity should be submitted to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi and the applicant should give an indication of his experience of handling Caustic Soda or any other allied item, details of the offer received, name of the supplier, country of origin, c.i.f. price, specifications, packing and terms of delivery etc. together with evidence of firm offer from the foreign supplier. Applications should reach the Chief Controller of Imports by the 15th February, 1955. Licence or licences issued will be subject to such conditions as may be imposed by Government regarding distribution, sale price and profit margins.

4. The following entries may be made in the appropriate place in Section II of the Red Book:—

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*Part V.*

22(a)	Caustic Soda . . Ports .	7½%	Six months.	(i) Quotas for established importers will be calculated on the basis of their best year's imports during any one of the five financial years ending 1950-51.
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(ii) Quota licences will not be valid for the import of Rayon Grade Caustic Soda. Applications from actual users for Rayon Grade Caustic Soda will be considered *ad hoc*.

(iii) Actual users will be granted licences for half of their certified requirements only. If, however, actual users are eligible to apply as established importers by virtue of their direct imports when the item was subject to free licensing or under O.G.L. during the basic period mentioned in para. 1 above, the value of their quota licence will be deducted from the value of half of their requirements and actual user licences will be issued for the balance only. If the value of the quota licences is higher than half of their requirements, actual user licence will not be granted. Actual users should state in their applications whether they are entitled to and are applying for a quota licence.

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Part V.—contd.

(iv) Applications for additional imports of caustic soda will be considered *ad hoc*. Applications should be submitted to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports by the 15th February, 1955 giving an indication of experience in Caustic Soda or any allied commodity, details of offers received, name of the supplier, country of origin, c. i. f. price, specifications, packing, terms of delivery etc. together with evidence of firm offer from the foreign supplier. Licences will be subject to such conditions as Government may impose in regard to distribution, sale price and profit margins.

SUBJECT:—Import policy for light Soda Ash (S. No. 26/V of the I.T.C. Schedule)

**No. 4-ITC(P.N.)/55.**—Attention of importers is invited to the remarks against S. No. 26/V of the I.T.C. Schedule in Section II of the Red Book for the current half year according to which imports will be canalised on a basis to be announced later.

2. Offers are invited for the supply of light Soda Ash from abroad. The offers should be sent in a sealed cover superscribed "offer for Soda Ash" to the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi, on or before the 12th February, 1955.

3. The offer will be subject to the following terms and conditions:—

(a) *Specification.*—The Ash shall conform to the following specification:

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| (i) Total alkalinity, as sodium carbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) percent by weight, minimum | 98.5  |
| (ii) Matter insoluble in water, percent by weight, maximum  | 0.15  |
| (iii) Sulphates, as Sodium Sulphate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), percent by weight, maximum      | 0.08  |
| (iv) Chlorides, as Sodium Chloride ( $\text{NaCl}$ ) percent by weight, maximum                   | 1.00  |
| (v) Iron, as Ferric Oxide ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ), percent by weight, maximum                 | 0.007 |

Each consignment shall be accompanied by the Manufacturers' certificate of average analysis.

- (b) *Packing*.—Ash shall be packed in new single B twill gunny bags. In case other packing is intended to be used, details should be given with the offer and samples should be got approved before the shipment is effected. The capacity of the bag should be one cwt./150 lbs. net. The filled bags must be of uniform weight and shall carry the marks specified below:—
- (i) name of the product;
  - (ii) brand name;
  - (iii) net weight of content;
  - (iv) name of manufacturer; and
  - (v) country of origin.
- (c) *Price*.—The price quoted should be on the basis of c.i.f. Indian port in Indian rupees or £ sterling for a long ton of 2240 lbs.
- (d) *Insurance*.—The insurance should cover all risks from warehouse to warehouse. The insurance should preferably be effected with an Indian Insurance Co. but claims should in any case, be settled in India.
- (e) *Quantity*.—The requirements are 11,000 tons of light Soda Ash to be shipped according to the following programme:—

	(tons)
February . . . . .	3,000*
March . . . . .	3,000
April . . . . .	2,000
May . . . . .	1,500
June . . . . .	1,500

\* In case contract is not signed by the 15th February, 1955, a further ten days' time for shipping will be allowed.

The minimum quantity for which offers will be acceptable is 1,000 tons. The month in which the shipment is offered to be made should be clearly indicated in the offer.

- (f) *Payment*.—90 per cent. payment will be made against delivery of shipping document etc. through banks nominated by the importer-distributor and the balance will be paid on arrival of goods in good condition and according to specifications as to quality.
- (g) *Export permit*.—It shall be the responsibility of the offerer to obtain necessary export facilities from competent authorities in the country of origin.
- (h) *Warranty*.—The offerer shall give the usual warranty with regard to quality, specification, grade, consistency, etc. of the Soda Ash supplied.

- (i) *Default*.—In case the seller fails to fulfil any of the terms of the contract, the buyer will be free to determine the contract and to purchase, subject to the approval of Government, the quantity in default from an alternative source at the risk and the cost of the seller.
- (j) *Arbitration*.—In the event of any dispute arising between the buyer and the seller in relation to any matter whatsoever connected with this offer, the subject-matter thereof shall be referred to arbitration by an arbitrator nominated by the Government of India.
- (k) *Law*.—The law of the contract shall be the law of India and all disputes arising out of the contract shall be settled in accordance with it.

4. The offerer whose offer is accepted by the Chief Controller of Imports will be required to enter into a contract of sale within 10 days of the acceptance of the offer with the importer-distributor selected by the Government of India in this behalf. The Chief Controller of Imports will be free to reject any offer without assigning any reason.

5. On the conclusion of the contract, an import licence for the quantity contracted to be purchased will be issued in favour of the buyer subject to such conditions as might be imposed by the Government of India in this behalf.

SUBJECT:—*Import Policy for Sodium Bicarbonate (S. No. 22/V of the I.T.C. Schedule) for the licensing period January-June 1955.*

**No. 5-ITC(P.N.)/55.**—The attention of importers is invited to item No. 36—List III of Appendix XXVIII of Section III to the 'Red Book' for the current half year, wherein it is stated that additional imports will be canalised on a basis to be announced later.

It has now been decided to invite applications for the import of Sodium Bicarbonate for *ad hoc* consideration. Applications should be submitted on the prescribed form to the Chief Controller of Imports & Exports, so as to reach him on or before the 15th February, 1955. The applications should contain details of the experience of the applicant in this line or in any allied line, evidence of firm offer from foreign supplier, terms of delivery, packing specification, etc.

The licence or licences granted on the basis of applications received will be subject to such conditions as Government may impose in regard to distribution, sale price and profit margin.

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